



LONDON: THE CITY AND ITS PEOPLE GROUP
Open to Chelmsford U3A members only
Highgate Cemetery – East & West
24th June 2019

Highgate Cemetery is one of a number of historic cemeteries established in the late 1830s around London to ease the pressure on the overcrowded and unhealthy burial grounds of the inner city.

Highgate cemetery is a Victorian gem, a Grade 1 listed site divided into two parts. The West section where we will be led by guides, opened in 1839. For many years it lay neglected until a voluntary group, the Friends of Highgate Cemetery, prevented further decline. The Friends have restored the Egyptian Avenue, a street of family vaults styled on ancient Egyptian tombs and the Circle of Lebanon – more vaults in a ring, topped by a cedar tree. Among those buried here are George Wombwell, menagerie proprietor who has a sleeping lion on his tomb, Stephen Geary the architect of the cemetery and Tom Sayers, the last of the bare fisted fighters, carved on his tomb is the effigy of his huge dog, the chief mourner at his funeral where 100,000 humans are also said to have attended. Michael Faraday discoverer of electromagnetic induction, Carl Rosa founder of the opera company and Christina Rossetti the poet are also buried there. The tour lasts 70 mins approximately.

The East Section which will be self-guided contains among others, the tombs of Karl Marx, Herbert Spencer radical philosopher, the novelist George Eliot (real name Mary Anne Evans) and William Friese-Greene whose monument was designed by Edwin Lutyens. It is not possible to visit George Michael’s tomb.

Personal comfort – Please wear suitable shoes for walking, there are loos in the East cemetery. Highgate village with access to cafes and restaurants is approximtely 15 mins walk away or you may prefer to bring a packed lunch.

- 9.00am: Asda carpark**
- 9.10 am: Anne Knight building/Grand Central bus stop opposite Chelmsford railway station.**
- 9.20 am: The Duck Pond, Writtle Green**
- 4.30pm: Leaving London. Please try to be at the coach approx. 10 mins. beforehand**

Cost £27.50 pp includes entrance fee to both cemetery sections plus coach and driver’s tip.

Please note: We cannot offer a refund once you have paid. Any last-minute problems contact Berry 07811 091771/ 01277 355823 Joy 07913 994897/01245 269258

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Cheque and slip enclosed for £.... (made payable to Chelmsford U3A) and sent to:

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